



## ***Press Release***

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### **SCSO to Conduct DUI Sobriety Checkpoints in North Shelby County**

The **Shelby County Sheriff's Office DUI unit** will conduct two **DUI Sobriety Checkpoints** on **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. The first will be at **Raleigh-Millington and Fite Road** from 3:00-5:00 pm. The second will be at **Brunswick Rd and Paul Barrett** from 6:00-8:00 pm in North Shelby County. The purpose is to look for motorists operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and or drugs.

The goal of the operation is to detect and remove impaired drivers from Shelby County roadways thereby making the roadways safer and protecting lives. Impaired driving is a serious crime that kills more than 16,000 people and injures 305,000 others every year in the United States. Officers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment.

The **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** recognizes that sobriety checkpoints are highly visible and effective tools in the battle against impaired driving.

This event will be 100% funded with federal grant dollars in the amount of \$200,000. This project is funded under an agreement with the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office.

**OPERATION PLAN: Officers of the D.U.I. Squad will be conducting D.U.I. Sobriety Enforcement Checkpoints in the unincorporated areas of North Shelby County. Officers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. When encountering D.U.I motorists a physical arrest will be made in accordance with state law. Officers will also take corrective actions for all other traffic violations observed while ensuring the protection of all motorists. Officers will operate on the channel assigned by dispatcher. Rescue trucks will assist with the checkpoints.**